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Amendments to the CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended) A method of validating an entrance to an event site, comprising the steps of:

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accessing a ticket issue server through a network by a portable terminal device to request an issuance of ticket data;

accepting a request for the ticket data at the ticket issue server and transmitting the ticket data instead of a physical ticket to the portable terminal device in response to the request; and

receiving the ticket data by the portable terminal device to reproduce the ticket data in a visible form at the event site for validating entrance to the event site,

wherein the ticket data is visibly reproduced on a display of the portable terminal device in a form comprising at least one of a predetermined graphic, one or more predetermined character strings and a bar code, and

wherein the ticket data comprises <u>a</u> script information <u>executable at the portable terminal</u> <u>device and</u> effective to specify a display mode of the ticket data when the ticket data is visibly reproduced on the display of the portable terminal device.

Claim 4 (previously presented) A method of validating an entrance to an event site, comprising the steps of:

accessing a ticket issue server through a network by a portable terminal device to request an issue of ticket data;

accepting a request for the ticket data at the ticket issue server and transmitting the ticket data in place of a physical ticket to the portable terminal device in response to the request;

receiving the ticket data by the portable terminal device to reproduce the ticket data in a visible form at the event site for validating of the entrance to the event site; and

reading the ticket data visibly reproduced on the display for determining whether or not the ticket data is authentic,

wherein the ticket data is visibly reproduced on a display of the portable terminal device in a form comprising at least one of a predetermined graphic, one or more predetermined character strings and a bar code.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A method of validating an entrance to an event site, comprising the steps of:

accessing a reception server through a network by a portable terminal device to request issuance of ticket data;

transmitting a message comprising a password and an address of a ticket issue server to the requesting portable terminal device from the reception server;

receiving the message by the portable terminal device and addressing the ticket issue server according to the address in the received message and inputting the password in the received message to thereby gain access to the ticket issue server;

transmitting the ticket data in lieu of a physical ticket to the requesting portable terminal device from the ticket issue server upon confirmation of the inputted password; and

receiving the ticket data by the portable terminal device to reproduce the ticket data in a visible or audible form at the event site for validating of the entrance to the event site.

wherein the ticket data is visibly reproduced in the form comprising at least one of a predetermined graphic, one or more predetermined character strings and a bar code on a display of the portable terminal device, and

the ticket data comprises a script executable at the portable terminal device and effective to specify a display mode of the ticket data when the ticket data is visibly reproduced on the display of the portable terminal device.

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Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (currently amended) The method according to claim 6, further comprising reading the ticket data visibly reproduced on the display [[for]] to determining whether or not the ticket data is authentic.

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Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (currently amended) A system for validating an entrance to an event site comprising a portable terminal device and a ticket issue server,

said portable terminal device comprising,

an accessing section that is operated to access a ticket issue server through a network to make a request for issuance of ticket data;

a receiving section that receives the ticket data from the ticket issue server; and an output section that reproduces the ticket data in a visible form at the event site instead of a physical ticket for validating of the entrance to the event site, the visible form comprising at least one of a predetermined graphic, one or more predetermined character strings and a bar code; and

said ticket issue server being connected to the portable terminal device through the network and comprising

an accepting section that accepts the request from the portable terminal device for issuing the ticket data, and

a transmitting section that transmits the ticket data through the network instead of a physical ticket to the portable terminal device in response to the request,

wherein the ticket issue server issues ticket data comprising a script information executable at the portable terminal device and effective to specify a display mode of the ticket data when the ticket data is visibly reproduced on a display of the portable terminal device.

Claim 12 (previously presented) A system for validating an entrance to an event site comprising a portable terminal device, a ticket issue server and a reading device,

said portable terminal device comprising:

an accessing section that is operated to access a ticket issue server through a network to make a request for issuance of ticket data;

a receiving section that receives the ticket data from the ticket issue server; and an output section that reproduces the ticket data in a visible form at the event site instead of a physical ticket for validating of the entrance to the event site, the visible form comprising at least one of a predetermined graphic, one or more predetermined character strings and a bar code; and

said ticket issue server being connected to the portable terminal device through the network and comprising

an accepting section that accepts the request from the portable terminal device for issuing the ticket data, and

a transmitting section that transmits the ticket data through the network instead of a physical ticket to the portable terminal device in response to the request,

said reading device being provided at the event site and reading the ticket data visibly reproduced on a display of the portable terminal device to determine whether or not the ticket data is authentic.

Claim 13 (currently amended) A system comprising a ticket issue server, a reception server and a portable terminal device connected to the ticket issue server and the reception server through a network for validating an entrance to an event site,

wherein the portable terminal device comprises an accessing section that is operated to access the reception server through the network to make a request for issuance of ticket data, a first receiving section that receives a message comprising a password and an address of the ticket issue server from the reception server, an addressing section that addresses the ticket issue server according to the address in the received message for inputting the password in the received message to thereby gain access to the ticket issue server, a second receiving section that receives the ticket data from the ticket issue server, and an output section that reproduces the ticket data in a visible or audible form at the event site in place of a physical ticket for validating of the entrance to the event site.

wherein the reception server comprises a transmitting section that transmits the message comprising the password and the address of the ticket issue server to the portable terminal device in response to the request from the portable terminal device, and

wherein the ticket issue server comprises a transmitting section that transmits the ticket data in lieu of a physical ticket to the portable terminal device upon confirmation of the inputted password,

wherein the output section visibly reproduces the ticket data in a form comprising at least one of a predetermined graphic, one or more predetermined character strings and a bar code, and

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wherein the ticket issue server issues ticket data comprising a script executable at the portable terminal device and effective to specify a display mode of the ticket data when the ticket data is visibly reproduced on a display of the portable terminal device.

Claim 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (previously presented) The system according to claim 14, further comprising a reading device that is provided at the event site and that reads the ticket data visibly reproduced on a display of the portable terminal device for determining whether or not the ticket data is authentic.

Claim 17 (currently amended) The method according to claim 3 further comprising the steps of:

storing user registration IDs and passwords in a registrant database for users qualified to receive tickets;

searching a registrant database at the ticket issue server on the basis of a user registration ID and a password comprised in the request, in order to verify a user who has initiated the request; and sending an HTML document associated with the event site from the ticket issue server to the portable terminal device, in the event that the user is verified.

Claim 18 (previously presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein the ticket data is visibly reproduced on the display of the portable terminal device in a form comprising a bar code, such that the bar code may be read by an image sensor, a bar code reader, or an optical character reader for an automatic machine authentication.

Claim 19 (currently amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the ticket issue server further comprises

an authentication section, comprising a registrant database and configured to store user registration IDs and passwords for users qualified to receive tickets and to perform a searching the registrant database at the ticket issue server on the basis of a user registration ID and a password comprised in the request, in order to verify a user who has initiated the request; and

wherein the transmitting <u>section</u> transmits an HTML document associated with the event site from the ticket issue server to the portable terminal device, in the event that the user is verified.

Claim 20 (currently amended) The method system according to claim 12, wherein the ticket data is visibly reproduced on the display of the portable terminal device in a form comprising a bar code, such that the bar code may be read by an image sensor, a bar code reader, or an optical character reader for an automatic machine authentication